decongestion of the rush in the OPD by starting screening OPD/extension of existing OPD.

News-item "New Agenda set for Reproductive Health"

1278. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "New agenda set for reproductive health" which appeared in the Hindu, dated the 15th November, 2002;

(b) if so, the financial support received from developed countries including USA for AIDS control and population stabilization programme for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the funds utilized for controlling AIDS and population stabilization during the said period, year-wise, category-wise;

(d) whether there is any fixed priority are in health for utilizing funds;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per statement (statement-I) (*See* below).

(c) As per statement (statement-II) (*See* below).

(d) to (f) No, sir. Priority areas for health spending are decided by the Planning Commission in consultation with the Ministry and the States. The current priorities as identified in the Approach Paper to Tenth Plan are reorganisation and restructuring of existing health care infrastructure including for ISMH at all levels, family welfare & disease control programmes including that for HIV/AIDS, emergency life saving services etc. Assuring availability of good quality ISM drugs, preservation, promotion, cultivation of medicinal plants/herbs etc. is also a priority.

Statement-I

Financial support received from developed countries

RCH Programme:

(Rs. in Cr.)

Agency	Financial Assistance received during			
	99-2K	2K-01	2001-02	2002-03
E.C.	99.00	110.81	—	144.00#
DFID	136.59	143.96	136.76	143.05#
KFW	61.64	—	—	—
JICA				
DANIDA	30.00*	39.00*	57.29*	49.97*
UNISEF				
TOTAL	327.23	293.77	194.05	337.02

The amount shown is the budgeted amount. The remaining has been released as extra-budgetary releases.

*The commodity assistance from UNICEF includes contribution from both JICA and DANIDA.

#Likely to be received during the year.

National Aids Control Organization:–

For the period from 1999-2000 till date

(Rs. in Cr.)

Agency	Assistance received
DFID assisted PSH Project	23.10
USAID assisted APAC Project	25.63
USAID assisted AVERT Project	1.29
TOTAL:	50.2

Area Projects:–

(Rs. in Cr.)

Agency	Project	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Danish Govt.	DANIDA Health Care Project Phase III	18.06	4.16	5.00	3.26
DFID	DFID Ph III Orissa	1.56	5.02	3.62	0.36
Total:		19.62	9.18	8.62	3.62

Innovations in Family Planning Services (IFPS) Project:— (Rs. in crore)

Agency	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	Total
USAID	69.87	44.55	29.13	26.03	169.58

Statement-II

Funds utilised for controlling AIDS and Population stabilization

(Rs. in Cr.)

Programme	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	Total
Family Welfare	3099.76	3090.11	3613.94	9803.81
NACO		50.05		50.02

Sex Ratio in the Country

1279. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the sex ratio in the country as per the latest census;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a steady decline in the female population resulting in unhealthy imbalance between male and female population;

(c) whether it is also a fact that one of the factors contributing to this phenomenon is pre-natal sex determination tests being carried out extensively all over the country and female foeticide; and